

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number,
the pre-printed serial number including a master serial
number;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the master
serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage
request; and
printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the label stock
further includes anti-fraud features.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include micro-printing on the label stock.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include a watermark on the label stock.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include cutting the label stock using a special die.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include printing using color changing ink on the
label stock.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request
includes a postage amount.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request
includes a postage class.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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10. The method of claim 1 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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11. The method of claim 1 wherein the master serial number is linked to a specific postage printing device and generating the indicium further includes ensuring the master serial number is used with the specific postage printing device.

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12. The method of claim 1 further comprising tracking the use of a label stock serial number.

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13. A data processing system adapted to print postage, comprising:

a processor; and

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a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number, the pre-printed serial number including a master serial number;

receiving a postage request;

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generating an indicium in accordance with the master serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage request; and

printing the postage using the indicium and the label stock.

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14. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the label stock further includes anti-fraud features.

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15. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include micro-printing on the label stock.

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16. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include a watermark on the label stock.

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17. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include cutting the label stock using a special die.

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18. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include printing using color changing ink on the label stock.

19. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a postage amount.

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20. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a postage class.

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21. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

22. The data processing system of claim 13, the program instructions for generating the indicium further including including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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23. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the program instructions further include linking the master serial number to a specific postage printing device and the program instructions for generating the indicium further include ensuring the master serial number is used with the specific postage printing device.

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24. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the program instructions further include tracking the use of a label stock serial number.

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25. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number, the pre-printed serial number including a master serial number, the label stock including printing in color-changing ink, labels cut with a special die, micro-printing, and a watermark;
10 receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the master serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage request; and
15 printing the postage using the indicium and the label stock.

20 26. The method of claim 25, further comprising tracking the use of a label stock serial number.

25 27. The method of claim 25 wherein the master serial number is linked to a specific postage printing device and generating the indicium further includes ensuring the master serial number is used with the specific postage printing device.

30 28. The method of claim 25 wherein the postage request includes a postage amount.

29. The method of claim 25 wherein the postage request includes a postage class.

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31. The method of claim 25 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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32. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
printed serial number and the postage request;
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tracking the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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33. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a postage amount.

34. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a postage class.

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35. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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36. The method of claim 32 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

37. The method of claim 32 wherein the label stock further includes anti-fraud features.

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38. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number, the label stock cut with a special die and including printing in color-changing ink;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
35 printed serial number and the postage request; and

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printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock.

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39. The method of claim 38, further comprising tracking
the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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40. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a pre-printed serial number for label
stock cut with a special die;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
printed serial number and the postage request;
printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock; and
tracking the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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41. A method for generating a display in a user
interface for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock type for a label stock, the
label stock including a plurality of sequenced labels;
receiving a label starting sequence number for a
label from the plurality of sequenced labels; and
generating a label stock display using the label
stock type and label starting sequence number.

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